

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended for clarity, Markush language, and editorial purposes.

Support for the amendment is found in Claims 1-4 and the specification at page 2, line 16 - page 3, line 11, and page 4, line 1 - page 5, line 11, as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendments to the claims.

The specification has been amended to correct an error in chemical formula (1) recited on page 5, line 22 of the specification, i.e., $R^1O(CH_2CH_2O)_nSO_mM$ has been changed to $R^1O(CH_2CH_2O)_mSO_3M$.

In light of the written description of chemical formula (1) in the specification, Applicant respectfully submits that one of ordinary skill in the chemical arts would know that the valence number for oxygen for the SO_m structure in chemical formula (1) is 3 and not ranging from 1 to 5. In particular, chemical formula (1) denotes surfactants that are **sulfates**, i.e., polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether sulfates, polyoxyalkylene alkenyl ether sulfates, etc. Further, Applicant submits that **n** is not described in the written description for the chemical formula, and therefore **n** is properly replaced with **m**, which represents a value of 1 to 5 on weight average.

Support for the amendment to the specification is found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 5, line 18 - page 6, line 3, which recites the sulfates used in the present invention, their respective chemical formulas, and the corresponding constituents for the chemical formulas. Accordingly, no new matter is believed to be added by the amendment to the specification.

The Abstract is replaced to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72. A clean copy of the Replacement Abstract appears at the end of this amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-4 will be active.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

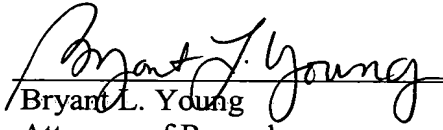
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